

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

1. (currently amended) A reel comprising:

a hub;

a pair of flanges separated by the hub;

a guide member is positionable with respect to the hub such that the hub and the guide member cooperate to form a surface for receiving a magnetic tape; and

a securing mechanism formed in the pair of flanges and having a resilient member moveable for releasably securing a position of the guide member with respect to the hub.

2. (original) The reel as recited in claim 1, comprising at least one flange portion coupled to the hub, wherein the securing mechanism is coupled to the at least one flange portion.

3. (currently amended) A reel comprising:

a hub;

two flanges extending from the hub;

a guide member is positionable with respect to the hub such that the hub and the guide member cooperate to form a surface for receiving a magnetic tape; and

a securing mechanism formed in the two flanges and for releasably securing a position of the guide member with respect to the hub, wherein the securing mechanism includes a resilient member configured to bias an engagement portion coupled to the resilient member into a corresponding receiving portion located on the guide member.

4. (original) The reel as recited in claim 1, wherein the securing mechanism locks the guide member and the hub to a first position and unlocks the guide member and the hub to a second position.

5. (withdrawn) The reel as recited in claim 4, wherein the securing mechanism comprises engageable tab and notch structures correspondingly located on the hub and the guide member.

6. --- 7. (canceled)

8. (withdrawn) The reel as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the hub, guide member, and the securing mechanism comprises magnetic components.

9. (currently amended) A reel comprising:

two oppositely disposed flanges;

a hub positioned between the flanges;

a guide member positionable with respect to the hub such that the hub and the guide member cooperate to form a surface for winding a magnetic tape; and

a securing mechanism formed in the flanges and configured to secure the guide member to the hub, such that the magnetic tape is windable onto the hub and the guide member in a first direction of rotation and a second direction of rotation while the guide member is secured to the hub, wherein the securing mechanism comprises at least one resilient member moveable to lock a position of the guide member with respect to the hub.

10. (original) The reel as recited in claim 9, wherein the securing mechanism releasably engages the guide member to the hub.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The reel as recited in claim 9, wherein the securing mechanism comprises ~~a flange with a tab.~~

13. (previously presented) The reel as recited in claim 9, comprising a track portion located on a flange portion and configured to direct the guide member into engagement with the securing mechanism to form the surface in cooperation with the hub.

14. (original) The reel as recited in claim 9, wherein the first direction of rotation is a clock-wise direction and the second direction of rotation is a counter-clockwise direction.

15. - 27. (cancelled)